

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 917

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## AN ACT

To amend title 36, United States Code, to designate May  
1 as “Silver Star Service Banner Day”.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Silver Star Service  
3 Banner Day Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5       Congress finds the following:

6           (1) Congress has always honored the sacrifices  
7       made by the wounded and ill members of the Armed  
8       Forces.

9           (2) The Silver Star Service Banner has come to  
10      represent the members of the Armed Forces and vet-  
11      erans who were wounded or became ill in combat in  
12      the wars fought by the United States.

13          (3) The Silver Star Families of America was  
14      formed to help the people of the United States re-  
15      member the sacrifices made by the wounded and ill  
16      members of the Armed Forces by designing and  
17      manufacturing Silver Star Service Banners and Sil-  
18      ver Star Flags for that purpose.

19          (4) The sole mission of the Silver Star Families  
20      of America is to evoke memories of the sacrifices  
21      made by members of the Armed Forces and veterans  
22      on behalf of the United States through the presence  
23      of a Silver Star Service Banner in a window or a  
24      Silver Star Flag flying.

1           (5) The sacrifices made by members of the  
2       Armed Forces and veterans on behalf of the United  
3       States should never be forgotten.

4           (6) May 1 is an appropriate date to designate  
5       as “Silver Star Service Banner Day”.

6   **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 36, United  
8       States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9       lowing:

10   **“§ 146. Silver Star Service Banner Day**

11       “(a) DESIGNATION.—May 1 is Silver Star Service  
12       Banner Day.

13       “(b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to  
14       issue each year a proclamation calling on the people of  
15       the United States to observe Silver Star Service Banner  
16       Day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activi-  
17       ties.”.

18       (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—  
19       The table of sections for chapter 1 of title 36, United

- 1 States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relat-
- 2 ing to section 145 the following:

“146. Silver Star Service Banner Day.”.

Passed the Senate May 25, 2017.

Attest:

*Secretary.*



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